



The Newport Board of Education held a special meeting on February 12, 2020 at 5:45 PM. The meeting was held in the Board Room located at 30 W. 8th Street, Newport.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. The following were present: Ramona Malone, Dr. Julie Smith-Morrow, Melissa Sheffel, Theresa Miller, and Sylvia Covington.

Also, in attendance: Kelly Middleton, Superintendent, district administrators, and guests.

PRESENTATIONS

Performance Services

David Dowdell, Bart Sturm and Marvin Moore were in attendance representing Performance Services. This company has completed a facility study of our buildings and have prepared a report on reducing energy and operating costs and using the savings to fund improvements to benefit the district.

The facility study reveals a project potential that will deliver approximately \$3,500,000 in improvements and is estimated to save the district over \$178,000 per year in utility and operational costs. If a more comprehensive improvement package would be chosen, the potential savings is approximately \$207,000 per year with \$8,200,000 in improvements. With the comprehensive improvements, Newport would be Ranked 1st in energy savings in the Commonwealth among all 173 districts. The improvements would include:

- New LED lighting district-wide for areas that have not already been updated;
- Expanding and optimizing building controls;
- Replacement of outdated HVAC equipment;
- Water conservation measures – retrofitting and/or replacing faucets, toilets, and urinals to lower-flow fixtures;
- Building envelope improvements – sealing gaps, cracks, and holes in the building's exterior doors, windows, and joints between roofs and walls.
- Solar panel systems.

Covington Independent has contracted with Performance Services and began construction on a major guaranteed energy savings projects that saves the district \$256,981 in energy and maintenance costs annually by improving energy efficiency and environmental quality of all school buildings districtwide.

Before Newport could move forward with installation of solar panels, roofs would need to be in good condition. Mr. Dowdell did state that panels do help prolong the life of roofs because they provide a layer of protection from weather conditions. When asked if panels could be moved, Mr. Dowdell reassured the board they could be.

The board thanked the reps from Performance Services for the facility study and report. The information provided will be taken under consideration.

Newport Intermediate School Data Presentation

Dennis Maines, Jennifer Michael, and Jennifer Stewart were in attendance to update the board on MAP data and K-Prep data as well as current strategies being utilized to support students who may be struggling in a particular area, continuous improvement steps, staffing, and student information. The administrative team in this building is very excited about the improvements they are seeing in student data. Their teaching staff is positive, very supportive, and have taken ownership of their students. They feel there is no doubt they will come out of CSI status this year. The board was very pleased with the information presented and the enthusiasm of the building leaders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On MOTION BY SMITH-MORROW AND SECONDED BY SHEFFEL the board went into executive session. KRS 61.810 (1) (f) – Personnel. Time 6:55 PM

1053 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

On MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY COVINGTON the board returned to open session to adjourn.
Time: 7:46 PM

1054 – MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on MOTION BY SHEFFEL AND SECONDED BY SMITH-MORROW the meeting adjourned.

1055 - MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Chairman

Secretary